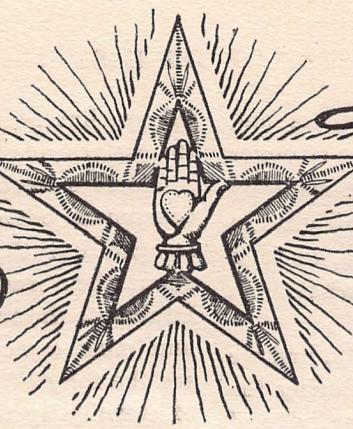


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THE AGE OF PROPHECY.

The word prophecy is thought by some who do not understand its true meaning to be an expression born out of superstition and that there is no truth in the claim that there are prophets in our time, because they confine the word only to "supernatural powers" such as those which Jesus demonstrated while upon earth.

We shall see in the following that such ideas are incorrect, and that those who ridicule our belief in this power in our day are prophets themselves. There cannot be a prophet until he has learned what it means to live a true and holy life, and have become meek in the spirit; and no one becomes meek until he has learned that knowledge is the principle upon which all other virtues are based.

What is prophecy? Is it to foretell coming events alone? Can things be told which are to take place or can they not? When we endeavor to answer this question we must lay prejudice aside, and be frank and honest.

We find upon investigation that every race in all ages have been endowed with this gift, and it is like every other gift born in man, not to be used for gain, but for the purpose of helping mankind.

It is not out of the way in a time like this to give a few moments' consideration to the above question, and particularly so at this hour when the mind is so taken up with this subject, and the masses are confronted with all kinds of mysterious things.

There is nothing new, but the old is everlastingly new as it bears out the testimonies of the truth that there is no age, but always youth.

We are everlastingly young, and all things are at our access in the whole Universe, and we cannot help but perceive one thing one time and another another, for we know and live in all and as our outer senses become opened to this truth we see with our soul and perceive with our inner faculties that which always was, and will remain, and thus it comes to our physical senses to tell and give expression to what we are in contact with.

There is nothing new, but all that is and was will remain, no matter what changes it has to undergo nothing will be destroyed.

What is prophesied to take place that has been and is to reappear in different forms. Mankind are born prophets because of powers latent for all gifts, and they are only waiting to be brought forth, and when they are nothing can hinder them from being expressed.

The **human face and palms**, are tablets upon which is written the life of all things as well as the full language of immortality.

Prophecy is, like all other gifts, the expression of the soul; and it is not what the world in its ignorance holds it to be, "a farce and blasphemy." The clergy as well as the authorities have tried to rid the community of these people, holding their demonstrations as criminals, as "they work for the purity of their cities and communities" while they are violators of the law of God and are the greatest sinners. If these powers are of the spirit they must be brought forth and all opposition and persecution cannot stop them. Oh, when we stop to think of the wonders in nature—how great the variety is of life, how wonderfully it is arranged, how orderly, and yet such chaos; how life preserving, and yet, things "die" (disappear to reappear), how races have been great in their activity and yet they have so disappeared from the recognition of the physical sense that some are willing to believe that our race is the only race which has lived in apparent civilization; but when we take the time to investigate we find that there have been far greater men and women in the past ages, and all of them have demonstrated their knowledge of and in the power of prophecy. All the masters of the past and in our time bring us evidences of this truth.

We read in the Bible how the "Star of the East guided the wise men to the crib of the child Jesus," and we see that but for the radiance of that star they could not have found the place where He was born.

We admit that this text is symbolic, like all other statements of the Bible, and it has reference to the astrological conditions having influence upon the earth race, but it proves our assertion that prophecy is a gift expressed in all ages and by all spiritual people.

There have always been certain times when these gifts have been more expressed than at other times, and we find that the powers of the heavens have much to do with these as well as all things.

If we investigate we will find that many thousands of years ago the power of prophecy was highly developed, as there have been "Star-gazers" in all ages and this is the general method used for the expression of prophecy.

KINDLY READ THEN
HAND TO A FRIEND

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We have gone the round since those times and we are now in an age when this gift shall be stronger expressed than ever before, laws might be made by ignorance to exterminate the practice of all gifts in man but it cannot be abolished from him, as it is part of him and he cannot help but act what he is in reality.

The time of Adam was ruled by brutality, and we do not read of this practice as much as during the period of Christ, and if we compare the activity of the signs in the Zodiac we will see that there were different stars ruling during the period of the above named.

The Animal sign, Taurus, ruled Adam, and the Fishes water ruled Christ. The Chaldeans were ruled by finer stars, and this is the reason why they are spoken of as "very devotional to their Gods," and "star-gazing" was specially practiced at that time.

The body must first become (not only) purified, but "rebuilt" by finer matter, which the thoughts make active and the higher consciousness then sets it into motion and it is expressed by the physical senses, because no gifts can be expressed in bodies as coarse as those of ordinary humanity; the law of evolution will see to it that the mandates of eternity are carried out and we are now in the time when reconstruction is beginning to make itself known to the race, and at the same time we will witness destruction (not annihilation) but disappearance to reappear. Every age has had these activities and a new appearance of the old, and each posterity has been inspired by the thoughts and actions of its forefathers. All things are active in accordance with the law of life and it does not make much difference how much it is opposed life will demonstrate itself in every variety and go on.

The mandates of God would be very inconsistent if the gifts in man could be exterminated by him. Life would not have the chances it needs to bring out the conclusions of its activities in and outside of man if there was not a time coming when our race would be as able as have been the races of the past; it would be an injustice to humanity of today if it should be deprived of the same opportunities as those of our brothers of other centuries; it would be an injustice to things which are unconscious of their slumbering greatness if there should not be an onwardness towards a time when the awakening would take place in the lower man as well as in the lower things. It is for the benefit of matter that ages roll on, during which powers are brought to the surface for the benefit of those who cannot realize anything else but that which can be comprehended by the physical senses.

Not only prophecy but other higher gifts will be brought forth during our time to the same extent as of those whom lived thousands of years ago, and to that end both **heaven** and **earth** are struggling.

Mankind is like the strings of a harp; as soon as they are touched by the fingers of the right player, and in the right time, there will be a unity of expressions of such harmony that no symphony was ever played which would give such blending of **love**, **faith** and **devotion** in the heart of men.

We have sorrows, we have devastations, turmoil and pain, but it is the "birth pain" of a greater race and of the demonstration that time and changes cannot destroy the powers which are within man and

things; but they will come to the front and make themselves manifested.

Glorious truth that man in his ignorance and coarseness cannot bring the demands of God to naught, but those who make the greatest "stir" about them and advocate their extermination, will awaken to the truth that man is "God's handiwork," and must come to its senses some time and then see the folly of trying to stop the action of the Law of eternity by the demands of man-made laws.

In the midst of the chaos of our day, the morning of the day is at hand when mankind of this age will make as true prophecies as those of old.

LESSON.

It must be remembered that this three months is the "third triad" of the Zodiac, they symbolize the harvest season, and the third quarter in the moon, and they send forth the vibrations for the development of the higher gifts in which prophecy is included.

It is therefore important that we understand how to attract to us as many of the finest powers of the heaven as possible, and that we be as harmonious as we can, and recognize our higher selves by holding our minds on the gifts which by the law of evolution are latent within us. The study of "the book of prophecy," the sign of the reaping season, as well as the sign of love and devotion, will be of wonderful value to all, with gifts of expression (prophecy and speech). Sit at the altar and have only upon it the signs of fire, and air, the two strongest elements.

Be in quietude and burn incense, which will give more peace than if it is not burned at these times, and hold the mind in meditation upon the bringing forth of the above gifts.

Do not sit down if you have been in dispute with anyone but purify your room before spreading the higher parts of the book upon the altar, and be sure to have your heart filled with the forgiveness to those who have wronged you, whatever the offense may be.

Tell no one of your sittings, as then their minds might come between you and the power you are seeking to cultivate.

Do not eat before meditation, but take a time in the morning between 6 and 7 o'clock. Hold your mind upon yourself as a conscious being endowed with all the higher faculties of man, and exclude all other things from your mind.

Words for the morning sitting: "I am part of the spirit that maketh the laws of God known among mankind."

Words for the evening, 9 to 11: "All the prophecies of man shall be fulfilled, the laws of God and the power vested in matter will become manifested." Sitting from 15 to 30 minutes. Breathing very slow and deep. This lesson will be active from the 7th of September to the 7th of October.

"A CHAT WITH GRANDMOTHER."

"Oh, Grandmamma, I cannot understand how you keep so young as you do; there is no change in you since I saw you last, and that is over twenty years ago?" "My dear, where there is understanding of the law of life there is no manifestation of age, as it is but a habit to look old and feel tired, there are reasons for me not looking or feeling old. I have never cared for the follies of the world in

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following the style, nor have I neglected my body as so many women of our time do, but instead of that I have **lived plain**, kept my **body free** from the **microbes** which there are in the meats which people live of almost exclusively, and which give them the low habits of the animal, the brutality and drowsiness as well as the anger and passions of the beast. In my youth I saw the folly of the corset, which, in my estimation, does not add to the beauty of the body, as everyone can see that it is not the original shape, but one made to order, and there is no beauty without it being original when it comes to the body of man."

"Well, Grandmamma, what can a girl do when her back is so weak that she cannot stand up hardly?" "That is in your mind. You cannot convince me that girls and women cannot brace up without a corset if they only would believe they could, but the false ideas have got such a hold of the race that it will not help itself, and that is the reason why girls as well as their mothers have become habitually so lazy that they will not try to stand up unless they have something to hang on to. Their minds become like their bodies, and that is the reason why wisdom is so scarce among humanity in our day.

"Oh, Grandmamma, if people shall begin to seek wisdom while they are young, then they will never have any happiness." "Well, my girl, you can have your happiness and **be thin** "like a stick," have no shape to you, and be so weak that you have to have something to brace you up to be able to stand by yourself; I prefer **wisdom** and **knowledge** and a healthy and beautifully shaped body and youth."

"Grandmamma, tell me how old you are?" "I do not know; age is not in my calendar."

"Well, Grandmamma, do you not expect to die?" "No, most certainly not. I am too young, healthy and happy for such thoughts, and I find that there are so many valuable things to learn, and so much to do for humanity, that I have not got the time to bury my mind in mortality."

"Well, but what are you to do when that time comes? The Bible tells us that we must die; that is what God told Adam."

"Ah, there you are. I want you to read the scriptures right. God did not tell that to Adam until he had sinned. As long as he kept himself from the partaking of the forbidden fruit he was not told that he should die, nor was he told that "he must earn his bread by the sweat of his brow." Mankind suffers for its follies and trespassings upon the law of God, and all the weakness and misery we have around us come as the result of the violations of the commandment of a pure life."

"Grandmamma, you do not mean to tell me that you shall live forever, do you?" "My dear girl, I intend to live in this body as long as I can be of any use to mankind."

"Tell me, grandmamma, would you get married as young as I am?" "No, I would not, because I would be afraid that I could not take care of a family, knowing as little as you do, for there is more in marriage than to be called Mrs. Jack alone; there are duties which evolve upon every wife as she (in most cases) is called upon to become a mother, and if she has no knowledge of life how can she raise her children as they should be?" "Oh, that is true, Grandma, but I am so tired of home, **father** and **mother** quarrel all the time, and they

cannot get along together and there is trouble in the house most of the time, and that is the reason why I want to get out of the house. I do not love Jack particularly, but I want to get married to get a home of my own."

"My girl, do you think that you will have any happier life if you marry for such reasons as you tell me. You deceive Jack if he thinks that you love him and you want him, to get a home only. My girl, think it over carefully, so that you do not 'jump from the frying-pan into the fire.' Thousands of women have regretted their haste and are either in the grave or ready to go into it before their first experiences in life have had the time to give them their lesson.

"Marriage was not instituted by the law of associationship for convenience, but for the unity of two souls whose vibrations would blend them together." "What are vibrations?" "I told you a minute ago that you did not know anything of life; has your mother not taught you what the word vibration means?" "No, mamma does not know it herself." "Vibrations are fine matter set into strong action by thought power. When you think of a thing there is a fine material which surrounds the thoughts which commence to move about you, and if it is attracted to the matter upon which your thoughts set into activity there is what is called 'affinity or blending.'

"Grandma, where did you learn all these things?" "In the book of life, and it was translated to me in the language of my experiences.

"One cannot learn any other way, as there must be experience before there can be knowledge. Life is a stage, and mankind are actors, and this stage has all kinds of 'tableaux' both beautiful and terrible, but they must all be together as if there was not a mingling there could never be affinity. Earth-life is one of the great colleges in which we are becoming prepared for higher studies, and the book which is given us to study is so wonderful that no one can interpret it but our own souls and their promptings, and this is the reason why I would recommend you to read the introduction to the chapter entitled 'Young Womanhood.' You need not get a book written on paper to learn its meaning, but you will read it in all its completeness in the daily life among humanity and, if you pay close attention, you will see it demonstrated all around you, and when you study the chapter itself called "Young Womanhood," you will see that demonstrated also; and you will see weakness mentally and physically, sickness, poverty and inharmony. Man has to suffer for his sins. My dear girl, all the sorrows in life come from lack of understanding of the truth and a life in violation of nature's purity." "Thanks, Grandma dear, for the lesson you have taught me. I shall soon call again."

"Go home and take off your corsets, eat plain food, do not worry, but keep peace of mind; do not eat meat, as it will fill your body with microbes which will give you disease, and take you away from this interesting life before you have commenced to learn the lessons which will give you the happiness and freedom which you think you can have if you marry; exercise and hold your mind on **health, youth** and **wisdom**, and you will remain as young as I am and have the same measure of peace and joy which I have. Goodby, sweet one."

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QUESTION BOX.

- Q.** Has it been proven that man has a soul? **T.**
A. To our mind it is proven, as reason as well as many substantial evidences tell us that it must be so.
- Q.** Do our souls have a body somewhere else than our own? **Fanny.**
A. Our soul is not confined to our body alone, but uses other bodies at the time it uses ours; to limit the soul to one body only would be to consider it like the physical, limited to one place at one time.
- Q.** Is Astrology reliable? If so, why is it that its prediction does not come through? **M.**
A. It must be remembered that we have it in our hands to alter the condition of the Stars, but oftentimes we only calculate from a physical standpoint and we forget that the power of the soul is behind all things and moves matter along.
- Q.** If there is no time, nor space, why is it that there has been a count of time and space in all ages? **H.**
A. There is neither time nor space, but in all ages the mind of mankind has only recognized the visible, such as would deal with the physical senses, and as they cannot perceive life without measure, there have been measurements made for their convenience.
- Q.** What is the power of Will? **S.**
A. Willpower is energy, which is dormant in the body, and as soon as the thought of their exertion arises the nerves respond and set that power into action.
- Q.** What kind of spirit ruled Caesar when he wished to see the City of Rome burn for the sake of seeing it burned? **Theodore.**
A. Brother, it was not Caesar who burned Rome. Caesar was the great general who made Rome great for which he was slain by Brutus, but it was Nero, the Brute in human form, who made Rome burn for the pleasure of seeing it destroyed. Without a doubt he was surrounded by Elementals and unconscious souls who were unconscious of higher principles, otherwise he could not have listened with the marked pleasure he did to the shrieks of the Christians when they were torn to pieces in the arena by the animals.
- Q.** Should we leave our positions, relatives and friends, and go out to do missionary work? **Mary.**
A. Not unless we can do so without being the cause of sorrow to those we belong to, and who belong to us; it is true that the enlightenment of the souls of humanity should have the first attention, but we must not injure anyone if we can help it; but, on the other hand, we must not let anyone stay in the way for the unfoldment of the soul.
- Q.** Mrs. Editor, please tell me why the Theosophists are so stiff and conceited, as most of them are? **Sophie.**
A. People of any denomination who are "stiff and conceited" as you say, are creed-bound and narrow, and they show that they know very little, no matter how much they think they know.
- Q.** Is it true that Leadbeater is expelled from the Theosophical society? **L.**
A. Sister, I know nothing of the affairs of others, as my time is too much taken up with my mission, and besides we cannot deal with personal things in this paper.
- Q.** Can insane people be cured by thought? **C.**
A. Yes, Brother, they can be quicker cured by thought than any other way, as it is thought more than physical causes that have made them insane in the first place. Hold high thoughts and do not recognize evil, and it will certainly help them.
- Q.** Is obsession a disease? **V.**
A. No, it is the hypnotism by lower forces called Elementals, and it can be cured very readily by applying the power of the higher self.
- Q.** Which is the best way to stop slander? **B.**
A. The surest way to prevent illspeaking of self and others is to have nothing to do with it in thought or word, but countermand it by sending out love and charity to those who do not know any better than to indulge in such things.
- Q.** How can we prevent feeling tired when we are in the company of others, and also in the morning when we rise? **K.**
A. The safest way to prevent feelings of tiredness at all times is to hold the mind on the higher self and recognize that in all persons and things, because Divinity cannot experience fatigue.
- Q.** What is the best way to bring about the Socialistic principles? **Student.**
A. The best way to advance all high principles is to teach the people, but avoid combativeness.
- Q.** How can we have peace at all times? **Lou.**
A. By not taking part in disputes or arguments, but hold peace and it will be with you everywhere and at all times.

Beloved Reader of The Star:

We send you three copies together owing to our absence from this part of the country for two months. We have been commanded to go up in the far North to deliver the message of truth, and we wish your good and kind co-operation in our work so far away; study all you can, and apply the truth, and you will receive greater and greater power. We cannot have the supplement published before we return, which will be the first week in September. Owing to the slowness of our subscribers of the Star in sending in their applications, it will be out upon our return, and the weather will then be cooler, which will make study more comfortable than during the warmest season and perhaps it is better that there is delay with subscriptions for the time being. As will be seen, the Star is enlarged, and has more reading matter and will give us more unfoldment from time to time. Let all whose subscription is ended renew it as soon as possible.

With much love light, peace, and joy of the heavens, I bid you au revoir for a short while.

MAY E. STEVENSON, Editor.

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